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BONARD SCORES 2 TDs, PATELLA, SIMMONS SCORE

Blue Devils Mix it Up, Silence Cougar Football Boys, 27-7

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Heavy defensive pressure eventually led to a chain reaction of positive events for the Westfield High School football team that defeated Cranford, 27-7, in Cranford on Friday, September 15. The 1-1 Blue Devils capitalized on three fumbles, as quarterback Tom Bonard found the right mix of plays to baffle the 0-2 Cougars.

The Blue Devil defense, led by linebacker Will Harbaugh, end John Dugan and lineman Santo Nardi, stuffed the Cougar offense throughout the game, allowing 102 yards rushing on 30 carries and limiting quarterback Simon Smith (3-for-10, 1 touchdown) to just 16 yards in the air.

"We had a fun game plan this week. They did some things that gave us the opportunity to put pressure on the quarterback. They were hungry to-

day," said Blue Devil Head Coach Jim DeSarno.

The constant pressure also led to three fumble recoveries. After the Cougars got a great kickoff return to the Blue Devil 37-yard line, Tyrell Simmons scooped up a fumble and rumbled 63 yards for the touchdown (TD) midway through the second quarter to give Westfield a 14-7 lead.

Michael Henry recovered the sec-

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SETTING UP A RAIDER TOUCHDOWN...Raider quarterback Mike Chervenyak, No. 9, bolts toward the left sidelines and ends up with a 68-yard gain to the Newark East Side one-yard line to set up a touchdown.

CHERVEHYAK, PENNELLA MAKE KEY PLAYS ON 'O'

Raider Gridders Hold Back Determined East Side, 14-7

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Eight days after an impressive 21-7 victory over Malcolm X, Shabazz in the Doghouse in Newark, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team had to scramble, but scrambled just enough to defeat a scrappy Newark East Side team, 14-7, in Scotch Plains on September 16. The scrambling was engineered by Raider quarterback Mike Chervenyak who connected with running back Tom Pennella for a 42-yard touchdown (TD), then added a 68-yard run to set up the Raiders' second TD, a one-yard plunge by Pennella.

The Raiders carried 40 times for 198 yards and Chervenyak, who was sacked three times, hit three of 10 pass attempts for 54 yards, including one TD and two interceptions. Pennella gained 58 yards on 11 car-

ries, with one TD, and had two receptions for 45 yards and one TD. Running back Greg Brand was the Raider workhorse with 24 carries for 88

yards. Wide receiver Kyle Rowbotham had one reception for four yards and added an interception with 39 seconds left in the fourth quarter to preserve the victory.

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HITTING HARD ON DEFENSE...Blue Devil Santo Nardi, No. 75 center, along with the rest of the line and linebackers stopped the Cougar running game in its tracks in a 27-7 Westfield victory.

STANEK DRILLS GOAL, DEVISIO MAKES THE ASSIST

Raider Boys Snatch the Ace, Edge Soccer Blue Devils, 1-0

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Match-ups between the Westfield High School and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer teams have always created an air of high enthusiasm. Although the Raiders held the high card for more than a decade, the Blue Devils finally grabbed the ace in their second meeting last year with a 2-1, double-overtime victory. On September 18 in Scotch Plains, the Raiders snatched back the ace with a 1-0 victory in the 999th meeting of the two rival schools.

Within the first minute of the second half, junior forward Tyler Stanek got a great tap from junior center-midfielder Mike DiVisio, slipped past the defending back and drilled a shot past the charging Blue Devil sophomore goalie Mike Lessner into the upper right side of the net.

"What we talked about at halftime was that we thought we had a good amount of play. We had a good num-



MAKING THE SAVE...Blue Devil goalie Mike Lessner made several fine saves against the Raiders.

ber of shots and balls in the box but we weren't focused enough. Tyler, we put him to a challenge and we said, 'you need to pick it up.' He picked it up. He came out on fire. With that intensity, he's a strong boy. It was a great pass between him and DiVisio. It was picture perfect and he buried it," said Raider Head Coach Tom Breznitsky.

Raider senior All-State goalie Bryan Meredith, who made eight saves - 2 in the first half, 6 in the second - made one victory-preserving save and followed up with a good-decision save late in the second half. The victory-preserving save came when Blue Devil sophomore Todd Saunders charged on the right and ripped a high shot that Meredith managed to tip over the cross-bar before he collided with it. The good decision came moments later when he charged a shot off senior Tom Parkinson's foot and smothered it.

"That's what Brian's capable of!

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Raider Football On SPF TV34

All Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School varsity football games (previous week's game) will be aired on SPFTV34 at the times listed below. Also, there will be a pre-game discussion between Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times and The Westfield Leader Sports Editor/Assistant Publisher Dave Corbin.

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